

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael - Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain

County Tyrone Bye-Laws - 2023

(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle, 27 Eanáir 2023)

County Committee

1. Excepting those functions reserved to the Provincial Council and the Central Council, the County Committee shall be the governing and controlling body of all the affairs of the Association within the County.

2. (a) In accordance with Rule 3.11, T.O. 2022 the annual County Convention shall elect the following:
Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer and PRO. It shall also elect a representative on Central Council and two representatives on the Ulster Council.

It shall also appoint (i) a Children's Officer and (ii) a Planning and Training Officer, as recommended by the outgoing County Committee

(b) In accordance with Rule 3.11 (b) Exception (2), T.O. 2022 the County Treasurer will not be subject to the maximum period of office of five years.

(c) Nominations for conventions within the County shall be automatically withdrawn at the Convention unless the nominee indicates that he / she is standing for election.

3. The County Committee shall consist of the following:
 - (a) Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Planning and Training Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer, PRO and Children's Officer
 - (b) Central Council Representative (1)
 - (c) Ulster Council Representatives (2)
 - (d) Representatives of Clubs (1 person to be nominated from each Adult Club, on nomination form issued for County Convention)
 - (e) Two nominees of the Chairman and Secretary
 - (f) County Referees' Administrator
 - (g) County Handball Committee Representative
 - (h) County Primary Schools Committee Representative
 - (i) County Post-Primary Schools Committee Representative
 - (j) County Safety and Facilities Officer

Chairpersons of sub-committees, who are not members of the County Committee, may attend meetings of the County Committee, in that capacity only and without voting rights, to present progress reports on the work of their Subcommittees as required by Rule 3.21 (ii), T.O. 2022.

The following persons may also attend meetings of the County Committee, but shall not have voting rights. They may, subject to the consent of the Chairperson, be allowed to partake in discussions on issues relevant to their areas of interest.

- (i) the Honorary President of the Tyrone County Committee
- (j) the Chairperson of the Tyrone Ladies Football County Committee

(k) the Chairperson of the Tyrone Camogie County Committee

Appointed Sub-Committees

The County Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose responsibilities shall be as set out in Rule 3.20, T.O. 2022. Membership shall be set out in these Byelaws. All members of sub-committees shall be named.

4.1 Management Committee (15 Members)

To consist of the following Officers and Representatives elected at the County Convention: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Planning and Training Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Hurling Officer, Public Relations Officer, Children's Officer, two Provincial Council Representatives, and the Central Council Representative.

4.2 Competitions Control Committee (14 Members)

To consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, an Adult Fixtures Secretary, two Youth Fixtures' Secretaries, a Hurling Fixtures' Secretary, a Disciplinary Secretary for Adult Fixtures, a Disciplinary Secretary for Youth fixtures, an Assistant Secretary for Adult Referees' notifications, an Assistant Secretary for Youth Referees' notifications, one fixtures analyst, the County Referees' Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees, and one other named member.

4.3 Hearings Committee (9 members)

To consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and six other named members.

4.4 Safety and Facilities Committee (6 Members)

It shall have six named members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20 (v) T.O. 2022.

4.5 Coaching & Games Development Committee (11 Members)

To consist of a Chairperson (the Coaching Officer), a Secretary (the County Games Development Manager) and nine other members.

The membership of this sub-committee to include a named representative of (a) the Primary Schools' Committee, (b) the Post-Primary Schools' Committee, (c) the Referees' Administration Committee, (d) the Hurling Officer and, (e) five other named members.

4.6 Cultural Committee (8 Members)

To consist of a Chairperson (the Officer for Irish Language and Culture), a Secretary and six named members.

4.7 PR / Marketing Committee (11 Members)

To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and nine named members; the PRO to be included in the membership of this sub-committee.

4.8 Youth Committee (6 Members)

To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and four named members one of whom shall be the appointed County Children's Officer.

- 4.9 Referees Administration Committee (8 Members)**
To consist of a Chairperson (the Referees' Administrator), a Secretary, a representative of the Coaching Committee and five further named members.
- 4.10 Finance Committee (13 Members)**
To consist of a Chairperson (the County Treasurer), a Secretary (the Assistant County Treasurer), the Planning and Training Officer and ten additional named members.
- 4.11 Information Technology Committee (3 Members)**
To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and one additional named member.
- 4.12 County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee (7 Members)**
The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player relationships as approved by Ard Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.20 (xiii), T.O. 2022.
- 4.13 Fixtures' Analysts:** Two Fixtures' Analysts shall be appointed in accordance with Rule 3.20 (iii), T.O. 2022.
- 4.14 Health and Well-being Committee (6 Members)**
To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and four other named members, one of whom shall be the County Children's Officer.
- 4.15 Planning and Training Committee**
To consist of five named members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.
- 4.16 Audit and Risk Committee**
To consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.
In accordance with Rule 3.19, T.O. 2022 the Co. Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose functions and powers shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws:
- 4.17 Hurling Development Committee (15 Members)**
To consist of a Chairperson (the Hurling Officer), a Secretary (the Vice-Chairperson of the County Committee), the Coaching Officer and one representative of each Hurling Club within the County. The Coaching & Games Development Manager shall be a member of this Committee.
It shall be responsible for the development of hurling at Club and Schools' levels within the county.
- 4.18 Integration Committee (7 Members)**
To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and five other named members including representatives of Handball, Ladies Football and Camogie.
It shall be responsible for all integration matters referred to it by the County Committee and / or the County Management Committee.
- 4.19 Strategic Implementation Committee (6 Members)**

To consist of the County Chairperson, the County Secretary, the Central Council representative and three other named members.

It shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the County Strategic Plan and the elements of the Provincial and National Strategic Plans that relate to the county.

- 5.1** With the exception of the County Competitions' Control Committee and the County Hearings' Committee the County Chairperson and Secretary are ex-officio members of all subcommittees.
- 5.2** Any Appeal against a decision of the County Committee or County Management Committee or County Competitions' Control Committee or County Hearings' Committee shall be to the Ulster Hearings' Committee.
Exception: Appeals against decisions of the CCC on Applications for Transfers shall be to the County Hearings' Committee. Appeals against any decisions of CCC other than Transfers or Grading of Players (including Permissions to Play) must be made to the Ulster Hearings' Committee
- 6. Attachment to First Club – Rule 6.4.**
A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence.

Where the CCC is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, they may consider individual applications, from a person seeking to join a club in a catchment area other than in the catchment area of his permanent residence. The procedure for making a decision on such an application shall be similar to the procedures to be followed when dealing with transfer applications under Rule 6.5 T.O. 2022.

Transfer

- 7.** (a) Players seeking to transfer from one club to another within the county shall apply to the County Secretary, on the Official Transfer Form, on or before the 1st March in any year. Requests for Permission to Play with a Club, in accordance with Rule 6.8 T.O 2022 in another parish, and any other movement between Clubs within the county shall be subject to the same 1st March deadline.
- (b) The Transfer Form shall provide the full postal address, the email address where available, and the membership ID of the applicant. It shall also have the signature of the person seeking the transfer in Irish and the signature of the Secretary of the club which he wishes to join. The signature of the Secretary of the club he wishes to leave is optional.
- (c) All applications for Transfer will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.5 T.O. 2022.
- (d) The Catchment Area of a club for the purposes of this Bye-Law shall be as determined by the County Committee under Rule 6.3 T.O. 2022. An applicant for transfer will be required to establish, to the satisfaction of the committee concerned, that he has been permanently resident at an address within the club catchment area for a period of at least 8 weeks before the date of his application for transfer.
- (e) A player will be entitled to transfer back to his First Club within the county without meeting the requirement of Permanent Residence. (First Club is as defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. 2022).

(f) Residence in a Club Catchment Area for the purpose of attending a Primary School, a Post-Primary School or a Third Level Educational Institution, shall not qualify as a permanent residence for the purposes of this Bye-law.

(g) For a player, up to and including Minor level, residence shall be considered to be the permanent residence of his family.

(h) A transfer may be granted to a player to play with a Club in the area in which he works. A transfer on the grounds of work is valid only as long as the player continues to work in the club's Catchment Area, but he may complete playing in any competition which he legally commenced.

8. Grading of Clubs and Players

8.1 A team winning the Junior Football Championship shall be promoted to the Intermediate Grade for the following year, automatically.

8.2 A team winning the Intermediate Football Championship shall be promoted to the Senior Grade for the following year, automatically.

8.3 For a club with a Senior team and a Junior team, the County Committee may regrade a maximum of 3 players from Senior to Junior.

8.4 The County Competitions Control Committee shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on applications for grading of clubs and players. All applications shall be made to the County Secretary on or before the 1st March in any year and processed in accordance with Rule 6.20 T.O. (2022).

9. The above Byelaws shall supersede all previous Byelaws and motions passed at County Convention. They shall be referred to by number in all objections, appeals and such like documents wherein they are used. Motions for their amendment or deletion shall quote the number of the Byelaw to be amended or deleted, and if passed by the required majority at a County Convention, shall become operative when sanctioned by Management Committee, on behalf of Central Council.

County Committee Business (Removed from Byelaws)

Meetings

1. County Committee meetings shall be held each month from January to November commencing at a time and on a night to be agreed upon by County Committee members. A special meeting of the County Committee may be convened on any other date at the request of the County Chairperson and the County Secretary. A special meeting must be convened at the written request of fifteen members.

Clubs

2. Subject to section (a) below, Clubs will be required to pay Affiliation and all other Outstanding Fees to the County Committee not later than 1st March.

(a) Clubs will have the option of paying the Public Liability and Property Insurance elements of their Fees on an easy payment plan over a period of months to be determined by the County Committee.
3. Each Club shall submit to the County Secretary a Statement of Financial Accounts and Balance Sheet, together with a Report of the Club's Annual General Meeting on or before the March meeting of the County Committee, or on demand at any other time.

Penalty: £100 fine, if not received by 31st March and, £100 fine for each subsequent month.
4. Each Club with a Licensed Social Centre must furnish fully audited Accounts to the County Secretary before the November meeting of the County Committee. Failure to do so will result in affiliation for the incoming season being withheld until such accounts are submitted.
5. The Catchment area of a Club shall normally be a Parish which, subject to County boundaries, shall be the district under the jurisdiction of a Parish Priest or Administrator.

CCC

6. The CCC may convene a meeting with two representatives of each affiliated Club as it deems necessary to discuss fixtures and / or discipline but any change to competitions, or regulations relating to fixtures, can only be made annually at a meeting of the County Committee.
7. The CCC must present, to the monthly meetings of the Management Committee (April to October inclusive) its programme of Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championship fixtures, including proposed venues and times.